

WI-320

1928

Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
Quantico vicinity
Public worship

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-320

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):
Architecture
Religion
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Church

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

2. Location

street & number 6087 Quantico Road not for publication

city, town Quantico X vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> X occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> X building(s)	<u> </u> X private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> X religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> X yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> X not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church

street & number c/o Reverend Yvonne Penn telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code MD 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 36, P. 63
liber 121

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 176

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Mount Zion United Methodist Church stands on the northeast corner of Quantico Road and Giles Lane with the modern address of 6087 Quantico Road, south of the village of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story frame church faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1928, the single-story frame church is supported on a raised, rusticated concrete block foundation, and the exterior is uniformly sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Located behind the church is a nineteenth and twentieth century cemetery.

The west (main) facade is an asymmetrical elevation with the entrance fixed in the southwest corner. A double door opening filled with replacement doors is topped by a round arched, colored glass transom. The adjacent gable front wall is pierced by a center paired, colored glass window which is flanked by single colored glass windows. Fixed in the upper gable is a round arched louvered vent. The edge to the roof is finished with an extended eave and an open soffit. The corner entrance is topped by a truncated bell tower. Fixed in the northwest corner of the concrete block foundation is a cornerstone inscribed, "Built in 1884, Burned in 1927, Rebuilt in 1928, Rev. I. D. Pitts, Pastor."

The north and south side elevations are defined by a series of six colored glass windows. The edge to the gable roof is finished with an extended eave and exposed rafter feet. Rising through the side is an interior brick stove chimney. Attached to the northeast and southeast corners are small single story one-room wings that give the church a tee shape. Colored glass windows pierce the sides of each wing.

The east wall (back) of the church is marked by a series of colored glass windows with a paired set in the center and single windows to each side. The gable end is finished with an extended eave and exposed rafter ends.

The church is joined by a nineteenth and twentieth century cemetery.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	1928	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The building deserves listing in *Category B*, which identifies properties that should be preserved due to their architectural and/or historical merits.

1 Somerset County Land Record, LW 9/291, 6/24/1865, Somerset County Courthouse.

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Quantico vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 36, Parcel 63

121/176 Columbus Horsey, C. Andrew Mitchell, Irving
Weatherly, J. Wesley Jones

to

12/17/1920 Mount Zion M. E. Church

1 acre

Somerset County
Land Record

LW 9/291 William Giles, George Moore, Thomas B. Moore,
Nelson Messick, Trustees of the M. E. Church of
Quantico

to

6/24/1865 John Henry, Henry Hayman, Robert Ballard, Henry
Parker, Abe Spence (colored)

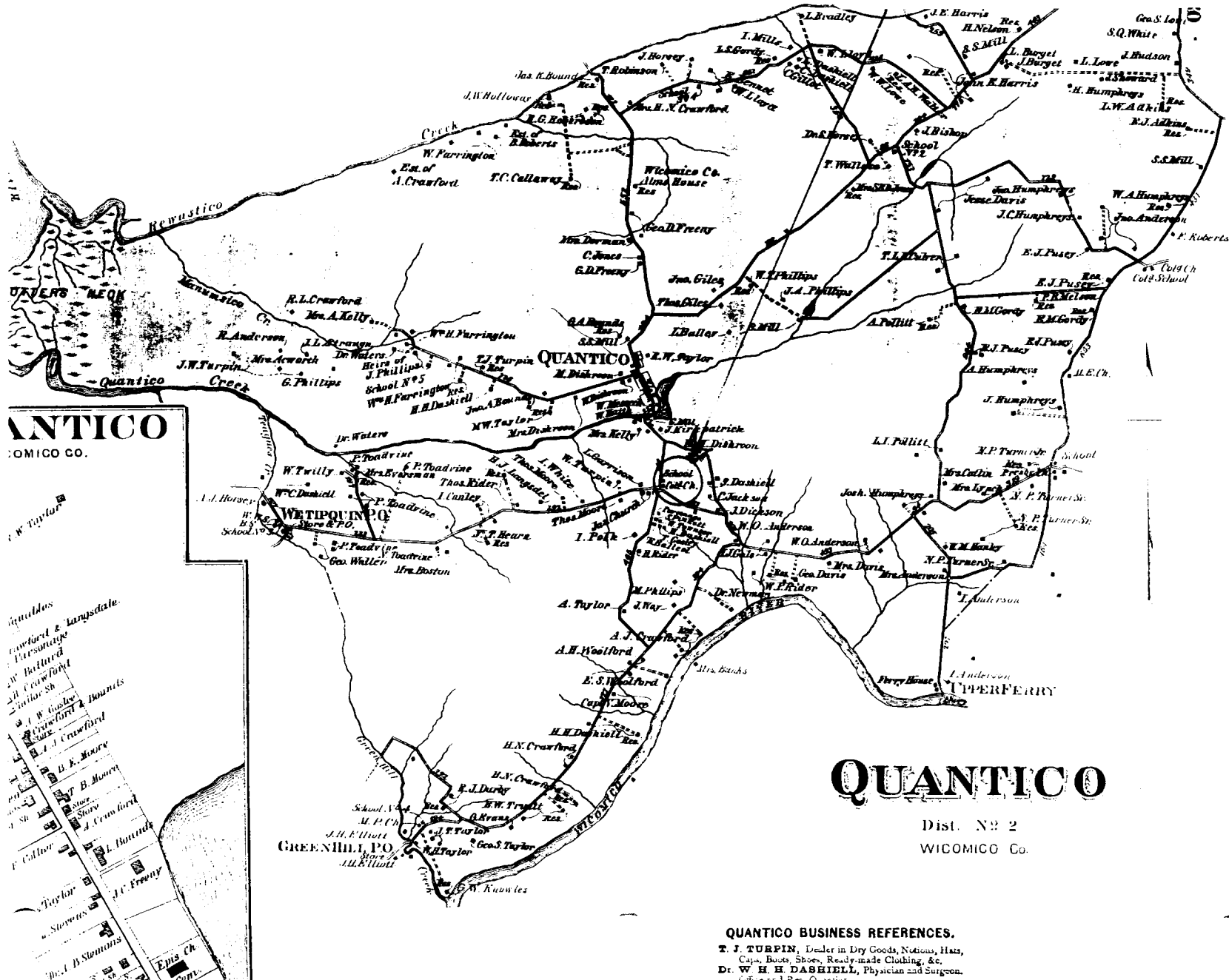
\$35.00 Trustees for the M. E. Church for Colored
Persons

1 acres "Sallop" named as a Church lot

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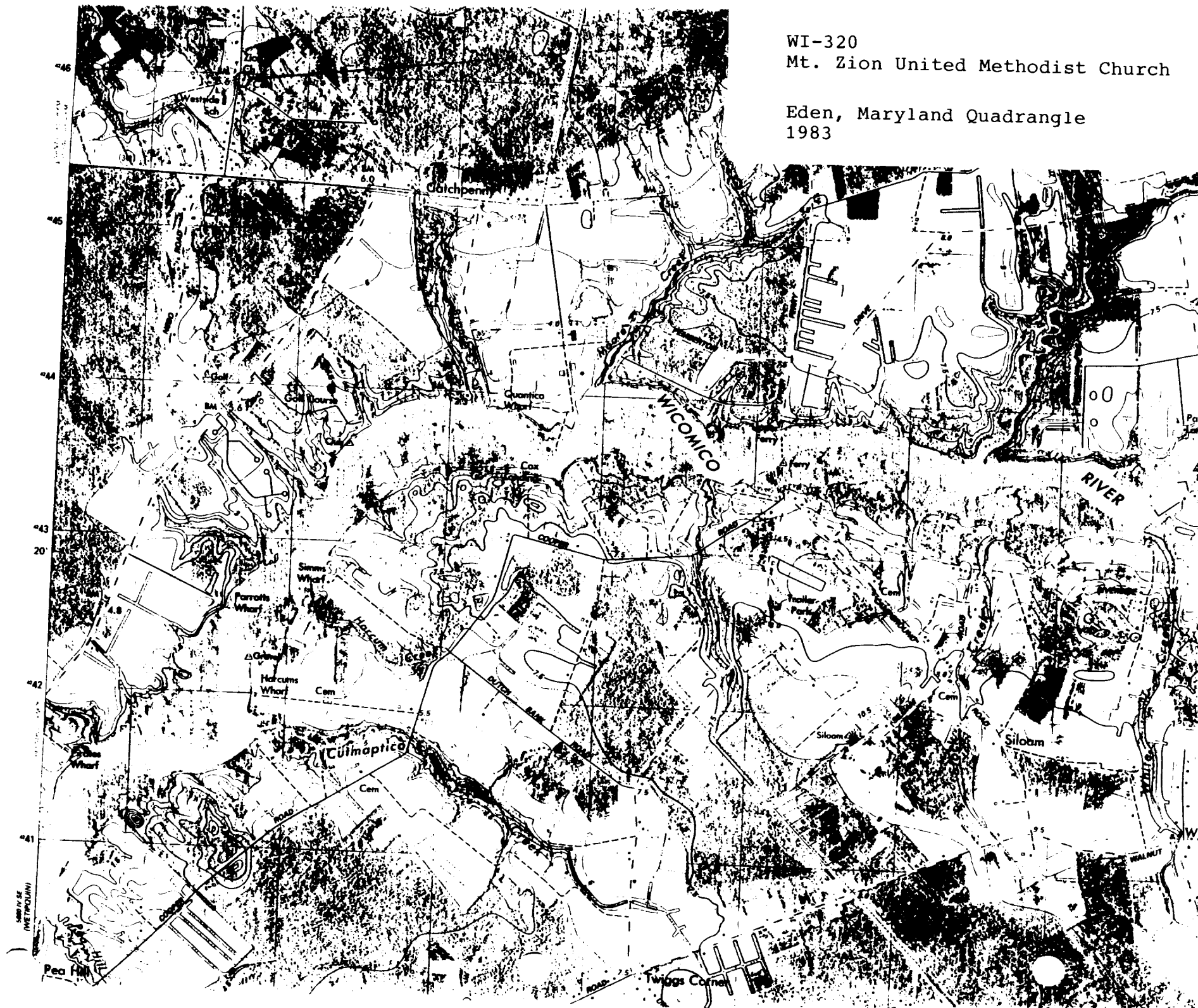
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983





Apr 2, 1901

Mr. E. W. C. C. C. C. C.

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,

J. H. C. C. C. C. C.



